

Shadwell Childcare
Shadwell Primary School
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December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

End of year update

As we come to the end of 2020, we wanted to reflect on the wonderful term we have had.

It was with deep sadness that we were advised to close our setting from Friday 20th March 2020 until further notice.

Against all odds, the staff at Shadwell Childcare, led and supported by the trustees, worked tirelessly to remain open and to ensure we offered care for all essential worker children. We very much wanted to stay in touch with the families over the closure too and made the decision that all children would be provided with a pack of work and online learning opportunities. Keep in touch calls were made ensuring everyone was well and the staff made story videos for the children.

As soon as we were able to, we opened up to all our children, offering a place to socialise, learn and have fun and helping our pre-school children become 'school ready'. Since September we made the decision to open up both rooms for all children and they have returned full of joy and settled into nursery life with gusto!

We were determined that our children would not miss out on any areas of learning and nursery life. We continued to offer a full curriculum across all areas of learning and to celebrate all festivals such as Hanukkah and Diwali where we dressed up, danced and tried lots of food. Whilst we could not have a Christmas performance this year we hope you like the recorded version along with the festive outtakes and many wonderful hand made gifts.

I am exceptionally proud of the staff, who have put the well being and care of the children before themselves on every occasion. Their commitment to the children and families has been outstanding.

The trustees and I would like to thank each and every one of them.

We would also like to thank the parents and families who have followed the policies and guidance and worked with us to remain open and keep everyone safe. Feedback from the Parents Consultations was over whelming positive. The staff were delighted to be able to have time talking with you and sharing each child's progress. We thank you for your kind feedback and thoughtful emails.

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Key dates

At this time, we would like to remind parents that we are;

Friday 18th December – closing at 3.30pm (school day) and 6.00pm (OOSC day).

Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th December - holiday club, please note sessions must be pre booked on office@shadwellchildcare.org

Monday 4th January – re-open at 7.30am for breakfast club or 9.00am for nursery day.

We would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and happy, healthy New Year.

With warmest wishes

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